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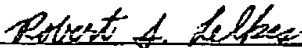
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003. Applicant requests amendment of the claims according to the attached marked-up claims and reconsideration of patentability based on the information disclosure statement mailed on even date with this response, the amended claims and the reasons which follow.

REMARKS

Explanation of amendments

Claim 1 is amended to convert this process claim to a product claim in conformance with applicants' election under the restriction requirement.

Support for the wording of claims 14 and 22 may be found at page 27, lines 22-24 (last sentence of first paragraph under the heading, "Flame Retardant").

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